

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 920

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown
on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are composed of stalwart citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for the youth in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown, which is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, chartered in 1958, the Boys Club of Morristown began life in an old two-story structure with a membership of more than 200 boys; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors launched a building fund campaign in 1968, and its goal was reached in only five months; the newly constructed facility was dedicated in February 1969, and membership averaged between 1,000 and 2,000 boys annually; and

WHEREAS, the Boys Club of Morristown changed its corporate name to the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown, Inc., on January 21, 1992; that same year, the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown developed a cultural/educational expansion plan and began a \$450,000 capital improvement program. The new facility included a computer center, performing arts center, fine arts center, health and physical fitness facility, and locker rooms for boys and girls. More than 700 girls joined, bringing the total membership to 2,000 youth; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls of Newport/Cocke County was established under the charter of the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown in 2003 and now serves more than 500 youth; the following year, the Boys and Girls Club of Hawkins County unit was added and now serves more than 250 youth annually; and

WHEREAS, during its sixty-year existence, the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown has had eight state youths of the year, four regional finalists, two national finalists, and one national youth of the year; and

WHEREAS, having served more than 1,810 youth last year, the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown continues to make improvements, completing facility renovations and upgrades in the education center, technology center, and teen room; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown is "To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach the full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens," and for sixty years, the club's leadership and staff have done so with passion, dedication, and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and it is appropriate that it should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the Boys and Girls Club of Morristown on its sixtieth anniversary and applaud its members, both past and present, on their contributions to their communities and the youth of the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.